

CFC ANCOP Educational Initiative

Demographic

A non-reader is a person that does not like to read. Though they may on paper be able to read, they struggle to use the materials that they have read to do simple tasks. One manifestation of this trait is poor numeracy skills. This is a valid manifestation because it is necessary first to be able to follow simple written instructions in any language before you could even be taught math. (Luz, 2007)

Philippine Statistics Authority defines a functionally literate person as a person who could read, write and compute. (Philippine Statistics Authority, 2011)

The people who do not read are more likely to be innumerate. Innumerate people may misunderstand statistics and simple probability. One manifestation of such effect is the notion that terrorist attacks and airplane accidents are more lethal than car crashes (Paulos, 2001). These people are more likely to reinvent the wheel in many more aspects; rediscover something that could have been found on the books and the internet. (Alewine & Canada, 2017) The Philippine non-readers are usually earning very low incomes, if they are earning at all. These kinds of people are at a distinct disadvantage for they would not read articles on the internet.

Action

Educational Sponsorship Program (ESP) is a one on-one-sponsorship by a donor partner to a poor child or youth, pre-qualified from the funded communities of the Couples for Christ Answering the Cry of the Poor (CFC ANCOP) donor network and CFC ANCOP covered areas/target groups. (Couples for Christ, 2020)

Criteria for eligibility

1. Child or youth must belong to a poor family with a joint family income of Ps 18,000/month (in MM) or based on the applicable threshold in the province;
2. 6-21 years old, in and out of school;
3. Youth must be single, unmarried and without any child;
4. Parents must have at least 2 children or if 1 child, parents must be single, widowed or separated;
5. Each qualified family shall be considered for only 1 sponsored child;
6. Parents must sign a "Kasunduan" on sponsorship which includes permission for publication in website and marketing materials;
7. Entry level and maintenance grade of 78% in elementary and HS and 2.75 in college, respectively.

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